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Announcing a side event

at the United Nations consultation on business & human rights:

Operationalizing the “Protect, Respect, Remedy” framework

(all delegates accredited to the consultation are welcome to attend)

**Follow the money – How companies are impacting human rights:
corruption, payments to rebels, inequitable contracts, tax avoidance, transfer-pricing**

(lunch will be available in the room)

Organizers: Global Witness and Business & Human Rights Resource Centre

Date & Time: Tuesday 6 October 2009, 13:00 – 15:00

Venue: United Nations - Palais des Nations Room XXV, Geneva

Topic: This side event will discuss several issues in need of more attention by governments, companies, and NGOs: How companies are undermining human rights through...

- corruption and lack of transparency;
- payments to rebels;
- inequitable concession contracts;
- tax avoidance; and
- transfer-pricing.

Human rights advocates from Zambia and Southeast Asia will discuss their experiences and how these practices have impacted human rights in their countries. Representatives of Global Witness and Business & Human Rights Resource Centre will comment from an international perspective.

Presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer discussion with the audience.

Panelists:

Moderator: **Justine Nolan** (Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales; Deputy Director of Australian Human Rights Centre)

- **Edmond Kangamungazi** (Economic Justice Programme Officer, Caritas Zambia)
- **Avond W. Stells** (Independent researcher on Southeast Asia)
- **Seema Joshi** (Legal Advisor, Ending Impunity, Global Witness)
- **Christopher Avery** (Director, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre)
- **Mauricio Lazala** (Head of Latin America & Middle East, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre)